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In re Application of :
SCHMIDT, ANN MARIE, et al. :
Application No. 09/167,705 :
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition Under 37 C.F.T § 1.181(a) To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment, received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on December 29, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability, mailed June 6, 2003.

The holding of abandonment for the above-identified application was withdrawn on February 11, 2004, however, the record needs to acknowledge the response to the petition filed December 29, 2003.

Petitioner has submitted a copy of the Communication Forwarding Formal Drawings with two (2) sheets of corrected formal drawings and the returned postcard, which acknowledges receipt of the afore-mentioned items on September 11, 2003 (MPEP 503). The afore-mentioned communication bears a certificate of mailing properly executed on September 8, 2003, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8.

Since, the original drawings cannot be located, the drawings resubmitted with the instant petition will be used in place thereof.

Telephone inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned in the Office of Patent Publication at 703-308-9250.

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